

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number:**

1000-0484

**Case Title:**

Shell Puget Sound Refinery

**Subject of Report:**

2018-04-05 Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Reporting Office:**

Seattle, WA, Area Office

**Activity Date:**

April 5, 2018

**Reporting Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Agent

13-APR-2018, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Approving Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Division Director

17-APR-2018, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

**SYNOPSIS**

On April 5, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),  
regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015.

**DETAILS**

On April 5, 2018, I interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in substance, provided the following information:

On February 20, 2015, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was returning to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and traveling through the town of LaConner, Washington, when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began having trouble breathing. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was traveling with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who were also visibly affected by the chemical smell in the air. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would describe the change in the air as "like walking into a wall" of smell. Their throats were burning and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) thought (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) condition was something similar to asthma.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assumed that it was a release from a local refinery. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) went to the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) later in the week and received a new inhaler. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) symptoms lasted for approximately one week and occasionally (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) throat still burns. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asthma condition has been worse since the incident and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) uses (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inhaler more than prior to the incident.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and grandson have not had any lingering effects.